

REMARKS

It is believed that the present amendment places the case in favorable condition for favorable examination. The Examiner noted in an Advisory Action of September 10, 2003 on the parent case of this continuation application that she was persuaded that the prior obviousness rejection of the cited prior art of Adell '306 in view of Reppas "164 has been overcome by the proposed amendments", which are the present preliminary amendments. However, the examiner was not sure "if Applicants specification relating to the claims 'upcoming, unexpected road hazard' definitively excludes Adell '306 alone. In particular neither the specification nor the claims excludes the 'warner' as also being the claimed 'upcoming unexpected road hazard'. Also there is nothing to exclude the conventional vehicle lights as the claimed lamp. None the less, the examiner must search for a system that does not have sensors or detectors which initiate the warning based upon applicant's persuasive arguments".

Since the Article 19 amendments were not entered prior to examination in the original application, the Description has been amended in the Preliminary Amendment. A copy of the Article 19 amendment, together with the Article 19, claims 1-17 is separately marked and attached for entry and the Examiner's review. No new matter has been added. A new paragraph was added in the specification description, after the paragraph commencing at page 2, line 15, reading:

"Similarly, four-way flashers, which flash signal lights at all four corners to the vehicle simultaneously, indicate that the flashing vehicle is itself, the hazard.

Turn signals indicate turns. Even hand signals are of little value."

This paragraph reading:

In United States Patent No. 5,237,306, issued to Robert Adell on August 17,

1993, a signalling system is described for requesting a driver of a motor vehicle to dim or turn on his vehicle's headlights, but Adell provides no means for warning on-coming drivers of an upcoming road hazard, or for informing them of the relative location of that road hazard.

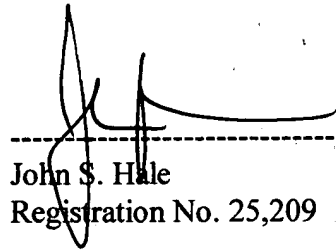
is clearly shown in the Article 19 amended sheet.

The claims currently in the application excepting claim 1 have been canceled and new claims 18 to 38 are attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the arguments and amendments present in the present application in condition for favorable reexamination and that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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LISTING OF SPECIFICATION AND VERSION OF
SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Page 2 after line 18 add:

In United States Patent No. 5,237,306, issued to Robert Adell on August 17, 1993, a signalling system is described for requesting a driver of a motor vehicle to dim or turn on his vehicle's headlights, but Adell provides no means for warning on-coming drivers of an upcoming road hazard, or for informing them of the relative location of that road hazard.